Form of Blessing

for the

Lady Chapel

St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia

February 2, 1915.

The Bishop standing before the Altar shall say:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Who grantest such grace unto Thy priests, that whatsoever they do fitly in Thy Name is held as done by Thee: we entreat Thee by Thy great goodness, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless whatsoever we shall bless, and grant that as we enter this place with lowliness of heart, all evil may be put to flight, and the angels of peace enter in: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, Who although heaven and earth cannot contain Thee, yet condescendest to have habitations upon earth, where we may continual-

ly call upon Thy Name: visit we beseech Thee this place with Thy wonderful loving kindness, cleanse it by Thy grace from all pollutions, and ever keep it pure: and as Thou didst accept the devotion of Thy servant Solomon, so vouchsafe to send Thy blessing upon this place to accomplish our desires, and to drive hence all spiritual wickedness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Turning to the people)

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as Almighty God accepted the purposes of His servants David and Solomon to build His Temple at Jerusalem, and nothing doubting that He favourably alloweth this work of ours, in having built this place of prayer, we now, therefore, on behalf of His Church and people, bless and dedicate thi this Chapel in loving memory of Elias Louis Boudinot, to bear henceforth the name of S. Mary the Virgin, to the honour and glory of the Holy Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost, Whom together we worship and glorify world without end.

Grant, O Lord, that those for whom this place of prayer is provided may be so filled with the Spirit of Thy grace, that they may

ever do Thy will with a pure heart, and a ready mind, to the glory of Thy Name and the good of the their own souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Turning to the Altar)

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, that Thou wouldest receive our humble petitions and bl✝ess and sanc✝tify and con✝secrate at our hands this Altar and all things appertaining thereto, which we now dedicate to Thy glory and worship, in honour of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and in loving memory of Thy servant Elias Louis. Grant that the oblations made on this Table, being bedewed by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, may be acceptable and well pleasing unto Thee; and whensoever any of Thy servants make their supplications towards this place, do Thou hear their prayers, accept their vows, maintain their cause and grant them their hearts' desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity

of the same Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any thing belonging unto us, yet we beseech Thee in Thy great goodness to accept the dedication of this Choir and Sacristy to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, we do give unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy Saints, from the beginning of the world, whose example O Lord, and steadfastness in Thy faith, grant us to follow. We commemorate before Thee, O Lord, all other Thy servants who are departed hence from us with the sign of faith and do now rest in peace, and especially at this time Thy servants, Elias Louis, of whom these gifts are a memorial before Thee, and Elizabeth Coleman, his wife. Grant unto them, we beseech Thee, Thy mercy and everlasting peace, and that at the day of the general resurrection, we and all they who are of the mystical Body of Thy Son, may altogether be set on His Right Hand,

and hear His most joyful Voice: Come unto Me, O ye blessed of My Father, and possess the Kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and upon this place and abide forever more. Amen.

(The Altar is then vested)